

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing search results to a user, comprising:
receiving in a search engine a search query from a client device, the search query including one or more query terms;
generating in the search engine two or more search results in response to the search query, each of the search results ~~including~~ including:
a corresponding search result document link to a top of a corresponding search result document; ~~each of the search results including and~~
a corresponding active snippet link to a portion of the corresponding search result document, the active snippet link containing a query-relevant snippet, the query-relevant snippet being text extracted from the corresponding search result document by the search engine;
generating in the search engine an instruction for each of the two or more search results that is configured to:
cause the client device to display ~~the search result including~~ the query-relevant snippet of the corresponding search result on the client device; ~~and device and to~~
navigate directly to a ~~portion of the respective query-relevant snippet within the~~ portion of the corresponding search result document when the ~~query-relevant~~ corresponding active snippet link is selected by a user ~~from a~~ from the display of the query-relevant snippet of the corresponding search result on the client device; and
providing from the search engine the instructions for ~~each of~~ the two or more search results to the client device in response to the search query.

2. - 60. (Canceled)

61. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein:

the corresponding active snippet link includes an artificial anchor referencing the portion of the corresponding search result containing the query-relevant snippet, and

the corresponding search result document link does not include an artificial anchor referencing any particular portion of the corresponding search result document.

62. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein at least one of the search results further comprises a second corresponding active snippet link to a separate portion of the corresponding search result document containing a second query-relevant snippet.

63. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein:

the query-relevant snippet further comprises one or more of the query terms; and
the instruction is configured to cause the client device to navigate directly to the portion of the corresponding search result document when the one or more query terms are selected by the user from the display of the query-relevant snippet.

64. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein each instruction includes an intra-document link for the query-relevant snippet, each intra-document link pointing to the portion of the query-relevant snippet within the corresponding search result document.

65. (New) The method of claim 64, wherein each intra-document link contains an artificial anchor undefined in the corresponding search result document.

66. (New) The method of claim 65, wherein each artificial anchor includes a preassigned artificial anchor designator designating the anchor as artificial.

67. (New) The method of claim 66, wherein each artificial anchor includes the preassigned artificial anchor designator as one of a prefix and a suffix and wherein the preassigned artificial anchor designator includes a preassigned set of text characters.

68. (New) The method of claim 64, further comprising:
determining whether each corresponding search result document link references an anchor defined in each corresponding search result document; and
stripping the reference to the anchor from the corresponding search result document link if the corresponding search result document link references the anchor.

69. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the providing the instructions for the two or more search results to the client device in response to the query includes providing a search result page, wherein the instructions are at least one of a hidden tag and an attribute on a tag in the search result page.

70. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein:
each of the search results generated by the search engine comprises a plurality of query-relevant snippets extracted from the corresponding search result document by the search engine, each of the plurality of query-relevant snippets being associated with a corresponding active snippet link; and
the instruction for each of the two or more search results is configured to cause the client device to display each of the plurality of query-relevant snippets on the client device and to navigate directly to a portion of a respective one of the plurality of query-relevant snippets within the corresponding search result document when the respective active snippet link is selected by a user from a display of the corresponding search result on the client device.

71. (New) A system comprising:
one or more computers; and
a computer-readable medium coupled to the one or more computers having instructions stored thereon which, when executed by the one or more computers, cause the one or more computers to perform operations comprising:
receiving in a search engine a search query from a client device, the search query including one or more query terms;

generating in the search engine two or more search results in response to the search query, each of the search results including:

a corresponding search result document link to a top of a corresponding search result document, and

a corresponding active snippet link to a portion of the corresponding search result document, the active snippet link containing a query-relevant snippet, the query-relevant snippet being text extracted from the corresponding search result document by the search engine;

generating in the search engine an instruction for each of the two or more search results that is configured to:

cause the client device to display the query-relevant snippet of the corresponding search result on the client device, and

navigate directly to the portion of the corresponding search result document when the corresponding active snippet link is selected by a user from the display of the query-relevant snippet of the corresponding search result on the client device; and

providing from the search engine the instructions for the two or more search results to the client device in response to the search query.

72. (New) The system of claim 71, wherein:

the corresponding active snippet link includes an artificial anchor referencing the portion of the corresponding search result containing the query-relevant snippet, and

the corresponding search result document link does not include an artificial anchor referencing any particular portion of the corresponding search result document.

73. (New) The system of claim 71, wherein at least one of the search results further comprises a second corresponding active snippet link to a separate portion of the corresponding search result document containing the query-relevant snippet.

74. (New) The system of claim 71, wherein:

the query-relevant snippet further comprises one or more of the query terms, and

the instruction is configured to cause the client device to navigate directly to the portion of the corresponding search result document when the one or more query terms are selected by the user from the display of the query-relevant snippet.

75. (New) The system of claim 71, wherein each instruction includes an intra-document link for the query-relevant snippet, each intra-document link pointing to the portion of the query-relevant snippet within the corresponding search result document.

76. (New) The system of claim 75, wherein each intra-document link contains an artificial anchor undefined in the corresponding search result document.

77. (New) The system of claim 76, wherein each artificial anchor includes a preassigned artificial anchor designator designating the anchor as artificial.

78. (New) The system of claim 77, wherein each artificial anchor includes the preassigned artificial anchor designator as one of a prefix and a suffix and wherein the preassigned artificial anchor designator includes a preassigned set of text characters.

79. (New) The system of claim 75, wherein the operations further comprise:
determining whether each corresponding search result document link references an anchor defined in each corresponding search result document; and
stripping the reference to the anchor from the corresponding search result document link if the corresponding search result document link references the anchor.

80. (New) The system of claim 71, wherein the providing the instructions for the two or more search results to the client device in response to the query includes providing a search result page, wherein the instructions are at least one of a hidden tag and an attribute on a tag in the search result page.

81. (New) The system of claim 71, wherein:

each of the search results generated by the search engine comprises a plurality of query-relevant snippets extracted from the corresponding search result document by the search engine, each of the plurality of query-relevant snippets being associated with a corresponding active snippet link; and

the instruction for each of the two or more search results is configured to cause the client device to display each of the plurality of query-relevant snippets on the client device and to navigate directly to a portion of a respective one of the plurality of query-relevant snippets within the corresponding search result document when the respective active snippet link is selected by a user from a display of the corresponding search result on the client device.

82. (New) A computer storage medium encoded with a computer program, the program comprising instructions that when executed by data processing apparatus cause the data processing apparatus to perform operations comprising:

receiving in a search engine a search query from a client device, the search query including one or more query terms;

generating in the search engine two or more search results in response to the search query, each of the search results including:

a corresponding search result document link to a top of a corresponding search result document, and

a corresponding active snippet link to a portion of the corresponding search result document, the active snippet link containing a query-relevant snippet, the query-relevant snippet being text extracted from the corresponding search result document by the search engine;

generating in the search engine an instruction for each of the two or more search results that is configured to:

cause the client device to display the query-relevant snippet of the corresponding search result on the client device; and

navigate directly to the portion of the corresponding search result document when the corresponding active snippet link is selected by a user from the display of the query-relevant snippet of the corresponding search result on the client device; and

providing from the search engine the instructions for the two or more search results to the client device in response to the search query.

83. (New) The computer storage medium of claim 82, wherein:
the corresponding active snippet link includes an artificial anchor referencing the portion of the corresponding search result containing the query-relevant snippet, and
the corresponding search result document link does not include an artificial anchor referencing any particular portion of the corresponding search result document.

84. (New) The computer storage medium of claim 82, wherein at least one of the search results further comprises a second corresponding active snippet link to a separate portion of the corresponding search result document containing the query-relevant snippet.

85. (New) The computer storage medium of claim 82, wherein:
the query-relevant snippet further comprises one or more of the query terms, and
the instruction is configured to navigate directly to the portion of the corresponding search result document when the one or more query terms are selected by the user from the display of the query-relevant snippet.

86. (New) The computer storage medium of claim 82, wherein each instruction includes an intra-document link for the query-relevant snippet, each intra-document link pointing to the portion of the query-relevant snippet within the corresponding search result document.

87. (New) The computer storage medium of claim 86, wherein each intra-document link contains an artificial anchor undefined in the corresponding search result document.

88. (New) The computer storage medium of claim 87, wherein each artificial anchor includes a preassigned artificial anchor designator designating the anchor as artificial.

89. (New) The computer storage medium of claim 88, wherein each artificial anchor includes the preassigned artificial anchor designator as one of a prefix and a suffix and wherein the preassigned artificial anchor designator includes a preassigned set of text characters.

90. (New) The computer storage medium of claim 86, further comprising:
determining whether each corresponding search result document link references an anchor defined in each corresponding search result document; and
stripping the reference to the anchor from the corresponding search result document link if the corresponding search result document link references the anchor.

91. (New) The computer storage medium of claim 82, wherein the providing the instructions for the two or more search results to the client device in response to the query includes providing a search result page, wherein the instructions are at least one of a hidden tag and an attribute on a tag in the search result page.

92. (New) The computer storage medium of claim 82, wherein:
each of the search results generated by the search engine comprises a plurality of query-relevant snippets extracted from the corresponding search result document by the search engine, each of the plurality of query-relevant snippets being associated with a corresponding active snippet link; and
the instruction for each of the two or more search results is configured to cause the client device to display each of the plurality of query-relevant snippets on the client device and to navigate directly to a portion of a respective one of the plurality of query-relevant snippets within the corresponding search result document when the respective active snippet link is selected by a user from a display of the corresponding search result on the client device.